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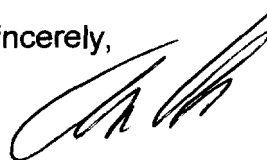
Re: MM Docket No. 97-111, RM-9052
Deerfield, MO
FM Table of Allotments

Dear Mr. Caton:

Transmitted herewith, on behalf of Deerfield FM Radio, are an original and four copies of its Comments in the above-referenced rulemaking proceeding proposing the allotment of FM Channel 264C3 to Deerfield, Missouri.

If questions arise, please contact the undersigned attorney.

Sincerely,



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Amendment of Section 73.202(b),)	MM Docket No. 97-111
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Directed to: Chief, Allocations Branch
Mass Media Bureau

COMMENTS

Deerfield FM Radio ("Deerfield FM"), by counsel, hereby submits its Comments in response to the Notice Of Proposed Rule Making ("NPRM") released April 4, 1997 in the above-referenced rulemaking proceeding proposing allotment of FM Channel 264C3 to Deerfield, Missouri, as its first local radio service.

1. Deerfield FM encourages the Commission to allot FM Channel 264C3 to Deerfield, Missouri. In support thereof, Deerfield FM incorporates by reference its Petition For Rulemaking filed March 7, 1997, which petitioned the Commission to allot Channel 264C3 to Deerfield. If Channel 264C3 is allotted to Deerfield as proposed, Deerfield FM will promptly file an application for construction permit and will, if its permit is granted, promptly construct and commence operation of its station.

2. In response to the Commission's request in the NPRM for more information regarding Deerfield, Deerfield FM advises that the community of Deerfield is governed by the local Deerfield Township Board, which meets weekly at the Deerfield

Community Center. The Deerfield Fire Department, a volunteer organization which meets monthly at the Deerfield Community Center, provides firefighting services to the community. In addition, the Deerfield Water District Board, which also meets monthly at the Deerfield Community Center, provides water service for the community. The Deerfield Post Office provides postal service to the community.

3. The Deerfield Baptist Church was established in 1888 and is still an active institution with a large local membership. Deerfield has two additional churches. The Deerfield Senior Citizens organization offers various activities for senior citizens. Deerfield has an active 4 H Club which sponsors activities for young people. A Deerfield youth organization called the Clover Kids additionally has activities for young people.

4. The Deerfield economy is based largely on agriculture. A number of commercial establishments serve the agriculture industry. These include Deerfield Grain, Farmers Agriculture and Grain Co., Metz Grain, Hummer Engineering, Hemstead Co., Inc., Vernon County Grain and Supply, State Line Trailers, Phillips 66 LPG Co., Emery & Son LPG Gas, and Heffler Farm Equipment Co. A number of other businesses are also located in Deerfield, including Emery and Sons Heating and Air Conditioning, Trail Blazer Cafe, Conoco Service Center and Grocery, Sechrist Antiques, and Phillips 66 Service. Deerfield also is served by freight rail service

WHEREFORE, the Commission is urged to amend Section 73.202(b) to allot
Channel 264C3 to Deerfield, Missouri.

Respectfully submitted,

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